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3/7-17-02IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Ondrus et al. Examiner: Koch, George

Serial Number: 09/544,423

Group Art Unit: 1734

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For: METHOD FOR FORMING A JOINT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

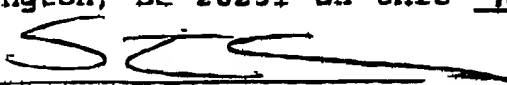
Applicants respond to the Office Action mailed on 12/10/01  
(hereinafter referred to as the "Office Action") in the  
following manner:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1 - 14 and add new claims 15 - 22 as  
follows:

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8

I hereby certify that the foregoing Amendment and Response to Office Action and Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time are being deposited with the United States Postal Service in an envelope as First Class Mail addressed to the Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks, Washington, DC 20231 on this 10 day of May 2002.

By:   
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